

will prevent the operation of surface cars which run in streets adjacent to parks, as, e. g., Fifty-ninth street, 110th street and Central Park West. It will also stop the operation of furniture vans. Both these types of vehicles are considerably over ten feet. Indeed, almost the entire length of Central Park West or Eighth avenue between Fifty-ninth and 110th streets is bordered by the trees along the curb. The car tracks here are close to the curb and within five feet of the tree line. The height of the cars is over eleven feet.

Fifth avenue along Central Park and extending through Washington Park is the spot of routes which are spread in terms in our original legislative acts, chapter 336, Laws of 1890. The law under which our extensions were granted was the transportation corporations act as amended in 1900. It expressly says our routes are to be operated.

"Without further or other authority, proceedings or consent required under any act, general, public, private or local."

Our extensions have been involved in litigation which have gone to the Court of Appeals recently, and these have been confirmed.

The ordinance, I understand, is also a violation of the motor vehicle law and comes under the decision recently made by Judge Taylor of the Supreme Court. He held that the Park Department could not pass an ordinance excluding automobiles from the parks which carry chains upon their wheels.

As we are a public carrier this ordinance is an attempt to override the Penal Code, the spirit of which expressly provides, section 426, that cars cannot be hindered, delayed or obstructed in the transportation of passengers. It is true this applies literally to street cars, because automobile stages were not then known. On the other hand, the Court of Appeals has a number of times held that statutes applicable to stages include street cars and the converse of this is equally clear and applies to our case.

Mr. Meade said that on March 19 last one of the company's drivers had been sent to the Drive with a bus, was arrested and fined \$1 by Magistrate Cornell.

"That case will be carried to the Court of Appeals," said Mr. Meade. "It will take some time, however, to throw the matter out and meantime we had valuable equipment lying idle. We took out the buses to-day to see what would be the result. We will now take lower court decisions, and if they are favorable we may be able to get operating our buses until we get a decision from the higher courts."

TO PRISONERS: NO COMPLAINTS.

Police Have Italians Held While Hunting for Evidence Against Them.

Central Office detectives rounded up on Saturday a number of Italians suspected of being implicated in blackmailing proceedings. They were arraigned yesterday in Essex Market court and held for forty-eight hours to allow the police to complete their investigation.

The case of Antonio Rizzo of 727 East 107th street was raided by him and five customers were arrested by Detective Cassidy of the Central Office. The police suspect that they had something to do with the attempt to blackmail the campaign of 67 Old Broadway last November. Magistrate Krotel held them in \$1,000 bail for Tuesday.

Detectives De Guida and Mondo had Pietro Zullo of 331 East Eleventh street and his brother, Giacomo Zullo, held in \$2,000 bail for a hearing on the same day. The police hope to get Anopo Miniretta of 100 East Thirtieth street and another against them. Miniretta was a victim of blackmailers.

Two men alleged to have blackmailed Antonio Alaita of Twelfth street and Avenue A were held also in \$2,000 bail. They described themselves as Samsono Riccobono of 189 First avenue and Domenico Savarino of 240 East Twenty-fourth street.

A VERY BAD BOY OF 15

Caught His Father and a Policeman With Revolver and Carving Knife.

William Graf, a fifteen-year-old messenger boy living with his parents at 50 East Thirtieth street, had a row with his father last night and started out to give that parent a beating up. William is a lanky lad, so his mother ran down to the street and got Policeman Kelly of the East Thirty-fifth street station.

When Kelly got there the boy was peeking around the edge of the door, a revolver in one hand and a big carving knife in the other. He made a dash for the policeman with the knife. Kelly swung his nightstick and knocked the knife out of the boy's hand, then swung it again and did the same thing for the revolver. Then he took William by the collar and pulled him down the stairs to the street and on to the station house.

William gave his age as 15, and his parents backed him up, saying that he did not look large enough to go to the Gerry station, where, of course, he had to go. He was put down on the blotter charged with attempting to threaten a police officer, with being incorrigible, and with having a loaded revolver in his possession without a permit.

MASS OF ICE AT NIAGARA.

Upper Steel Arch Bridge in Danger, as the Ice Is Piled Up to the Girders.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 11.—Thousands of people viewed the unusual ice conditions in the Niagara gorge to-day. Everybody was astonished by the scene about the power house of the Ontario Power Company, which is half buried under a mass of ice piled up to the shoe fall. The river between the falls and Rapids is a mass of ice, and at the upper steel arch bridge the abutments are surrounded by the ice reaching to the girders, which may be injured. Should the ice above move in a solid mass this bridge would be in great danger.

It looks as though the power transmission towers near the Devil's Hole on the Canadian side are doomed. One of the three is already tottering over into its neighbor, while the foundations of all are surrounded by ice.

There is no telling when the Gorge road will recover from the disaster that has befallen it, as the extent of the damage can only be ascertained by examination after the ice has gone. Lewiston is guarding two large hotels located on the river bank, and this village was the Mecca of visitors to-day, for then the ice has reached unprecedented heights.

AN ABANDONED AUTOMOBILE.

Man and Woman Left It at a Hotel and Departed Quarrelling.

A man and a woman drove up in an automobile to the Knickerbocker Hotel at Barrow and West streets at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning and registered as J. C. Paggett and wife, New York. Then they had a disagreement and the woman started up the street with the man following. She went to the Madison tunnel station at Christopher street and the automobile stayed where it was.

Policeman John Shevlin of the John street station found the car at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and had it drawn to the station house. It was a light gray machine, with the number 6599. According to the records that machine belongs to Ambrose Cleric of 73 Washington Square. Until two weeks ago there was a garage at that address but the building has been torn down.

Fishing Boat Temporarily Disabled.

The fishing steamboat Mount Desert, bound out with a large party of anglers, stopped off Stapleton yesterday morning and whistled for help. A Delaware and Lackawanna tug took her into Stapleton. She had been unable to make steam because of trouble with her boiler. Repairs were made and she went to the fishing grounds in the afternoon, the fishermen thus missing several hours of sport.

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PRAYED AND STOLE IN CHURCH.

Police Got Mrs. Henry's Thief Before Her Complaint Reached Headquarters.

Mrs. Frances B. Henry, wife of a stockbroker living at 314 Lexington avenue, was a complainant in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday against John Curdley, who says he is a theatrical property man out of a job. He gave his address as the Mills Hotel No. 3.

Mrs. Henry attended church at St. Bartholomew's on Thursday. She noticed behind her a man who was praying fervently. Later she went to the altar rail. When she returned the man was gone and her black hand bag and purse, worth in all \$25, were missing.

Friday Detective William O'Brien of the Detective Bureau caught Curdley trying to pawn a bag and purse in a pawnshop in Sixth avenue. O'Brien accused Curdley of theft, and Curdley said he had stolen the things at St. Bartholomew's. When Mrs. Henry's complaint reached Headquarters the thief was already under arrest.

In court yesterday Curdley said he had to steal or starve. He was held in \$500 bail for trial.

TO GIVE SHERIFF A SALARY.

Movement Begun in Queens to Abolish the Fee System.

An active campaign has been begun by representative citizens and organizations in Queens to obtain the passage of the De Groot bill now before the Legislature to abolish the fee system and substitute a salary system for the Sheriff of the county. In urging the passage of the bill the Prison Association of New York has issued the following statement:

"The proposed law for Queens is modeled closely after the law by which the fee system was abolished in Kings county. The bill fixes the salary for Sheriff at \$4,000 and provides for an under sheriff, the other employees of the Sheriff's office and their salaries being determined by the Board of Estimate. All salaries are to be paid by the city; all fees are to go to the city. Under the present system the fees go to the Sheriff and he determines and pays the salaries of his subordinates. In Kings county the salary of the Sheriff is fixed at \$15,000 a year; in Richmond at \$6,000 and in New York at \$12,000 and half the civil fees. The Sheriff is required to file a bond of \$30,000; the Under Sheriff \$15,000. Penalties are provided if the Sheriff appropriates fees, and accounts of fees collected must be rendered twice a month to the Comptroller.

"The fee system has been abolished in forty-eight of the sixty-one counties in New York State. Many of them a saving of from 10 to 50 per cent. has been reported as well as a decrease in the number of prisoners, since it is no longer to the Sheriff's interest to increase his fees by keeping his jail full. Whether or not there will be a great saving in Queens the Prison Association of New York believes that a system which is unscientific, unbusinesslike and capable of great abuse should be abolished. Queens alone of all the counties of Greater New York and of Long Island retains in 1909 the system that the great English philanthropist John Howard found throughout the world in 1773 and which has been abolished in most of the civilized countries."

EASTER TOGS WETTED AT FIRE.

Bursting Hose Showers Onlookers at Apartment Houses in Jersey City.

Sixteen families were made homeless late yesterday afternoon by a fire which started in the cellar of two double five story brick apartment houses at 199-201 Warren street, Jersey City, and shot up the shaft between buildings to the roof. The structures were not protected by fire escapes and the tenants had to take to the stairways. Many lingered to save their valuables and the police and firemen were kept busy shooting them out of their apartments. Policeman Kelly and Nick Introcasso, a patrol wagon driver, found Pauline Happel, 25 years old, crawling on her hands and knees in a smoke filled hall on the top floor and carried her down stairs.

Two alarms were sent in, and the firemen were bothered in their work by the bursting of several lengths of hose. Four unexpected streams of water shot out of the hoses and a score of more young women, radiant in their Easter togs, went home to dry off. Some of them wept.

Among those who assisted the firemen was ex-Fire Commissioner Joseph Zumbusch, an appointee of ex-Mayor Mark M. Fagan, who cannot resist the temptation to help out the boys every time he smells the smoke of a working blaze.

The top floors of both buildings were gutted and the roof was burned off. The apartments on the lower floors were soaked.

It is believed that the fire was caused by hot ashes which somebody dumped in the cellar.

There was a small blaze in the same cellar at 4:30 o'clock on Saturday morning which tenants extinguished without sending in an alarm.

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An Irate "Friend of Gov. Fort" No Longer Wonders Why New Jersey Folks Hate to Come to New York—Youngest Son of Thos. F. Ryan Among Those Caught.

The crusade against automobile speeding was resumed in this city yesterday. Persons of a lawbreaking bent seemed to restrain themselves better than usual, but the police reported fifty arrests up to 11 o'clock last night.

Frank M. O'Brien, the Mayor's secretary, was halted at 110th street and Broadway while bounding along at the comfortable gait of twenty-four miles an hour. Being guided to the West 100th street station by Policeman Dwyer, O'Brien said that he had been in an automobile with G. B. Frazier of 205 West Eighty-fifth street and they had a devil of a time with it.

It bucked and stopped and spat and smelled and conducted itself with such general lack of decorum that the two men finally got out, discovered the car's ailment and persuaded it to behave. When the journey was resumed, Mr. O'Brien said, the machine went so easily in comparison with its recent behavior that they had no idea it was going too fast.

Frazier gave real estate bail for the secretary to the Mayor.

In Harlem, where most of the police activity is centered, twenty drivers were arrested. One of these was Paul Arnold, chauffeur for S. Friedlander of Passaic, N. J. Mr. Friedlander and friends were in the automobile when a bicycle policeman caught it making twenty-one miles an hour on Broadway.

"I'd have you know, sir," said Mr. Friedlander to the policeman, "that I am a friend of Gov. Fort of New Jersey. I consider this arrest outrageous. I am no longer a puzzle to me why New Jersey folks hate to come to New York."

The policeman said he couldn't help it and took Arnold to his station house, where Mr. Friedlander gave \$100 bail.

Another who got tangled up in the Harlem net was Harry L. Zimmerly, who lives at Bath Beach and is a Kings county deputy sheriff. He was scooting up Broadway at twenty-four miles an hour, according to the policeman who stopped him and acted as escort to a station house. Zimmerly gave \$100 bail and departed.

Mary Scully, a maid at the Waldorf-Astoria, was knocked down at Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue last night by an automobile driven by Joseph E. Mack, a chauffeur. She was not hurt much and refused to make a complaint because she said the machine wasn't going very fast when it hit her. Mack was locked up charged with reckless driving. He said the automobile was a new one belonging to a man named Dewey, an up-State bank cashier, and that he was trying it out.

The drivers of five taxicabs were nabbed in Central Park yesterday, one for speeding, two for having no rear lights and two for deficiency in the matter of a State license.

Frederick C. Stork, a dentist of 2 Carleton avenue, Jersey City, was arrested on Fifth avenue for automobiling too fast. He was bailed.

Prof. Bashford of Columbia University, honorary curator of fishes in the Museum of Natural History, curator of arms and armor in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, member of the advisory board of the New York Aquarium, and author of many scientific books, went down to the night court from his home, 20 West Eighty-second street, to intercede with Magistrate Hermann on behalf of his chauffeur, James N. Carey, 33 years old, of 363 West Fifty-first street, who was arrested late in the afternoon while waiting for Dr. Dean in front of 55 East Fifty-fifth street.

Carey had stopped with the left side of his machine next the curb, and Traffic Policeman Quilly had come along and caught him in that position. Dr. Dean told the Magistrate that he had been away from the car not more than a minute and pleaded that at least the policeman should have warned him before arresting him. Carey, however, was making the arrest, particularly as the spot where the arrest was made is near the New York Central excavation and the street is crowded with cars. The Magistrate brought along a carefully prepared diagram to show just how it was.

Magistrate Herman discharged Carey. W. Irvine Fickling, president of Fickling & Co., manufacturers of automobile bodies, was in the West Side court yesterday morning charged with driving his car at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour and with having no rear registration number. Mr. Fickling, whose home is at 235 West Seventy-sixth street, covered the distance between Seventh and Seventy-third streets on Columbus avenue at the rate of one mile in two minutes and twenty seconds, according to Policeman Timothy J. Leahane, who trailed him in another car.

The manufacturer told Magistrate Leahane that as he was going through Sixty-seventh street his wife, who was sitting beside him, screamed something about one of his pistons. He looked around and saw another car coasting along beside him. In it were several men with revolvers. He did not know at the time that they were policemen, he declared, and put on extra speed to get away. He was not at this point, however, that Mr. Fickling had been timed, and the Magistrate held him for trial in \$1,000 on the speeding charge and in \$500 for having the wrong number.

Russell T. Smith, a chauffeur who was arraigned before Magistrate O'Connor in the North Side court yesterday morning charged with running his automobile thirty miles an hour, was held in \$2,000 bail for trial. Policeman Steinert of the Central Park squad said he chased the machine on his bicycle from the West drive of the park opposite Seventy-second street to a saloon at Sixth avenue and Fifty-eighth street, where Smith and his passenger, a young man, were taken. The keeper of 1051 Sixth avenue, stopped to get a drink.

Joseph J. Ryan, youngest son of Thomas F. Ryan, a years old, on Broadway avenue, Dyckman street last night on his way to his home at 80 Fifth avenue. Policeman Etchell saw the car coming along and timed it at twenty-three miles an hour. He stopped young Ryan and took him to the West 152d street station. Ryan gave his occupation as a college student. He had a friend with him, but they failed to raise \$100 between them and Ryan left a ring valued at \$150 as bail for his appearance in the Harlem court this morning.

CHEAPER TO CARRY THE BONDS.

Securities Delivered by Special Train and Messenger at Less Than Express Rate.

Vassar, Mich., April 11.—E. C. Bradley, a former resident of Vassar, who now is one of the managers of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company of San Francisco, recently carried a fortune from that city to New York to save express charges.

Sixteen and one-half million dollars' worth of bonds of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company had been purchased by New York bankers. The lowest rate of the express company for their transfer across the continent was \$15,000.

Mr. Bradley found that he could charter a special train, hire two competent detectives and deliver the bonds personally for a much smaller sum, so, accompanied by Mrs. Bradley, two detectives and the train crew, he made the journey with his millions of securities.

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TEXAS GOVERNOR GIVES HIS VIEWS OF LOBBY'S DOINGS.

Sends Word to House and Senate That They Have Not Done Ten Days' Work in Ninety Days Session—No Wonder That Republicans Congratulate Them.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 11.—The Legislature held a Sunday session to-day, the extraordinary session coming to a close to-night.

Gov. Campbell aroused ill will in many members of the House and Senate by an official communication which he submitted to the respective bodies to-day. He said in part:

"The carping of the lobbyists may be echoed in our legislative halls in criticism and denunciation of the Executive, but no man has yet denied that I have acted within my duty and with fidelity to the masses of the people."

"In the contest for honest legislation and good government I have never asked for quarter and will extend none."

"The most infamous lobby that ever trampled upon the will of the people has swarmed about this Capitol from the beginning of your regular session until this hour. The farmer is busy in his field. He cannot come to the Capitol to protect his interests. He relies upon you and me."

He have interpreted the Democratic platform without the aid of the liquor lobby, the railroad lobby or the commercial secretaries lobby, which last mentioned instrument is the nucleus around which is gathered every selfish interest now represented at the Capitol.

"Your regular session of sixty days was of little value to the people. Not a single bill was enacted. The State treasury, into law, one was defeated and you adjourned without even considering the appropriation bill, whereupon the lobby applauded, and it is not strange that you receive through the newspapers the felicitations of the chairman of the Republican executive committee of this State. Probably the boldest, the most arrogant and the most formidable lobby made up of the combined selfish interests, that ever assembled at the Capitol gathered here upon the assembling of this legislature to protect their interests and to hinder and defeat the proper will. Just what they have done I do not know, but that they are still hovering about this Capitol I do know."

"Although your honorable bodies have been in continuous regular and called sessions since January 12, it will hardly be denied that everything that has been done in the legislature has been done in ten days. Trainload jaunts over the State, frequent adjournments, and the failure of the legislature to meet the full expectation of the people."

"If the Democratic party is to be ignored and discredited and if the people are to be deceived, it is in so far as I am able to fix the responsibility."

TAFT AT EASTER SERVICES.

Goes With His Wife to St. John's Church—On Horseback in the Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—President Taft attended the Easter morning service at St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church to-day with Mrs. Taft and their three children, Robert, Helen and Charlie. This is the first Sunday since Mr. Taft's inauguration that he has attended a service at St. John's. On the other Sundays he went to his regular place of worship, the Unitarian church at Fourteenth and L streets.

A big crowd of tourists and sightseers who had gathered in front of the Unitarian church long before 11 o'clock were disappointed when the President failed to appear, and it was some time before they were apprised of the fact that he had decided to go to St. John's, where Mrs. Taft is a regular attendant. When they did find it out the crowd walked over to St. John's in time to see the President and the members of his family come out of the church.

Three or four policemen made an aisle through the crowd and the President and the members of his family passed through. They were met by the Hon. Charles D. Morris, who was in the White House, only a few hundred yards away, and a large number of persons followed them at a respectful distance, forming a sort of a guard of honor. Two secret service men, attired in frock coats, dark trousers and silk hats, walked a few feet behind the President and his wife. Mrs. Taft wore a green dress and a hat with hat trimmings in the same color.

The day was one of brilliant sunshine, but the air was cool enough to call for coats. The President, however, wore none. Later in the day Mr. Taft went out for a horseback ride in Potomac Park.

A BOY WHO CLIMBED TOO HIGH.

Nine-Year-Old Falls From Surveyors' Tower Above Morris Park.

Above Morris Park where Pelham Park meets the Williamsburgh road stands a wooden tower 75 feet high, known as the surveyors' tower because surveyors built it for the purpose of getting levels. Boys consider it good fun to climb this tower, up the rough ladder the surveyors use, and pretend they're scaling Peck's Peak.

Yesterday afternoon came Douglas Cousin, a years old, of 205 Maple avenue, to try the ascent alone. He toiled up the ladder, stopping often to rest with his legs crooked around a rung and to survey the pleasant panorama of the Bronx. He was within a few feet of the top when the seventh rung from the last broke. The boy fell backward to the ground.

Charles Whalen, who was the only person who saw the accident, picked Douglas Cousin's body up, stopped a police automobile in which Serg. Ben Mallam was scouting for Pelham Park speeders, and away they went toward Fordham Hospital. Presently they met a hospital ambulance in which was a surgeon, who saw that the boy was dead, probably had been killed instantly, he said.

George Cousin's father is a sanitary engineer in Havana, Cuba.

ANOTHER ITALIAN MURDERED

THIRD BLACK HAND ASSASSINATION IN TAMPA SINCE JAN. 1.

Prominent Business Man Shot Down in Street With Slugs—Accompanied by His Two Children—No Clue to the Murderers—One Victim a New Yorker

TAMPA, Fla., April 11.—The assassination last night of Giuseppe Ficarotta, a wholesale grocer of West Tampa and one of the most prominent and wealthy members of the local Italian colony, made the third similar murder which is charged to the Black Hand here since January 1. Ficarotta was going to his home from his place of business at a late hour and was shot by two men from ambush with slugs which were instantly killed and the assassins, dropping their weapons in the street, fled and escaped.

Ficarotta's two young children, a boy and a girl, were with him at the time, but neither was hit. No relative or friend of Ficarotta can assign any cause for the assassination. He bore an excellent reputation and was a member of the City Council of West Tampa and prominently connected with leading social and fraternal organizations of his people.

Early in the year C. Urso, a prominent Italian, while attending a christening at the home of a friend in West Tampa was called to the door and shot down by an unknown man who was concealed in the yard. One arrest was made in connection with this murder but no evidence sufficient to convict was obtainable.

Two months ago the body of C. Labella, an Italian merchant of New York City who had been in Tampa several weeks on business, was found on the outskirts of the city. Labella had been murdered somewhere in the city and his body hauled to the woods in a wagon.

Although every effort was made to discover the perpetrators of this crime and all Italians who had been associated with the New York man were subjected to a thorough investigation, no one was arrested was made in connection with the killing and this suspect was acquitted at the preliminary hearing.

It is known that Labella was induced to come to Tampa in order that he might be put out of the way, and it is said that orders for his assassination came from New York to members of the Black Hand here.

In the past three years no fewer than a dozen mysterious killings of this sort have been committed among Italians here and not one conviction has been secured, all Italians seeming to unite in the effort to deceive the authorities and prevent the apprehension of the guilty.

John Savarese, Italian Consul here, who stands high with the Italian Government, having received a royal decoration last year for conspicuous services, is much exercised over the situation and it is likely that extraordinary efforts will be made to discover the perpetrators of the latest outrage.

Tampa has engaged 5,000 Italian residents many Sicilians engaged largely in the cigar industry. So far the murders have been confined to Italians and no American has been the victim of any assassination.

BIG LOCOMOTIVE RUNS WILD.

Some One Started It on Runaway Trip From Hopewell—Man Arrested.

POUGHKEEPSIE, April 11.—One of the big freight locomotives used on the New Haven Railroad to which a smoking car was attached was started on a runaway trip out of the Hopewell Junction yards at quarter past 4 this morning, either by some person who was bent on a dangerous and reckless feat or by a malicious Red Masteron is in jail charged with the offence. Masteron is very much under the influence of liquor when caught. He is about 25 years old and a well known fishkill character.

The locomotive which caused so many anxious moments to the New Haven Railroad men came in at 2 o'clock this morning with a westbound freight from New England. The yard hostler went over it and after starting a new fire left it to attend to other duties. The yard is swarming with railroad men Sundays on account of the number of freight trains moving over the Poughkeepsie bridge route, all of which pass through Hopewell Junction. Hence when the locomotive was started, unmanned, out of the yards a score of eyes saw it, and it was instantly known that it was running wild. There was nobody at the levers, and besides it smashed over the switches at a reckless rate of speed.

There was a rush for a light engine, which was manned in a jiffy by a volunteer crew and the chase of the runaway engine No. 409, and coach was taken up before more than a few minutes had elapsed. There was time enough, however, for the "wild" train to clear the yards and it was ticklish work following it around curves and down grades without knowing but that at any moment the pursuing engine might smash into a wreck caused by a collision or by the runaway ditching itself.

The chase led westward over the tracks of the Newburgh, Dutchess and Connecticut Railroad for five miles, where at Brinkerhoff engine 409 and the coach were found. The fire under the boiler of the runaway had gone dead through lack of coal and attention. There wasn't a soul in the cab. One look at the levers told the experienced railroad men that somebody had opened the throttle and the machinery which moved the engine on its uncontrolled trip.

Notice of the reckless affair was sent to District Attorney Mack, who went to Hopewell, taking with him Detective Young and Manning Cleveland, who is one of Sheriff Chanier's deputies. District Attorney Mack learned that the locomotive was in the roundhouse when the engine was returned and that he had been seen there before the incident occurred. Further than this, the District Attorney ascertained that Masteron had started after midnight for his boarding house at Gayhead, but had turned back before reaching there and that he got back to the Hopewell station just about the time the runaway train was noticed leaving. Deputy Cleveland placed Masteron under arrest. He was too drunk to talk much to the grand jury brought to Poughkeepsie and locked up in a cell. This morning he will be asked to explain.

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